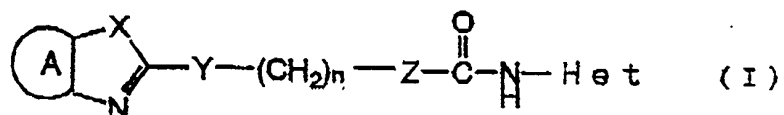## Amendments To The Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:
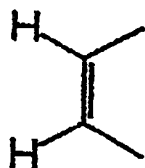
Listing of claims:

9.   (Previously Amended)   Compounds represented by the formula (I)

wherein

represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of benzene, cyclohexane or naphthalene, or a group:

                                                    ;

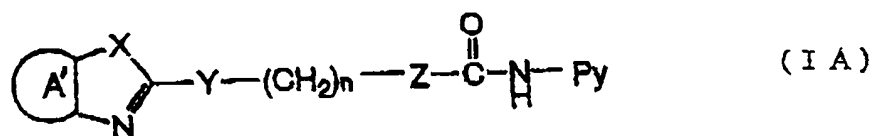Het represents a substituted pyridyl group;

X represents an oxygen atom;

Y represents $-NR_4-$, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

Z represents a single bond;

R_4 represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group; and

n is an integer of from 2 to 15, or salts or solvates thereof.

10.   (Previously Amended)   The compounds according to claim 9, which are
represented by the formula (IA)

(I A)

wherein

represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of;

Py represents a substituted pyridyl group;

X represents an oxygen atom;

Y represents $-NR_4-$, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;
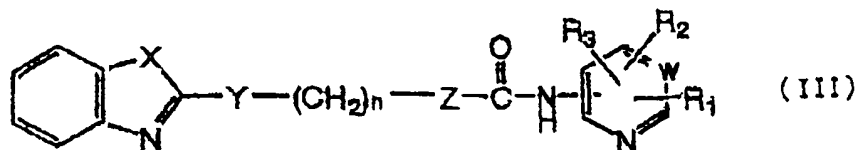
Z represents a single bond;

R_4 represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally
substituted silyl lower alkyl group; and

n is an integer of from 2 to 15;

or salts or solvates thereof.

11.   (Previously Amended)   The compounds according to claim 9, which are
represented by the formula (III)

(III)

wherein, W represents =CH-;

X represents an oxygen atom;

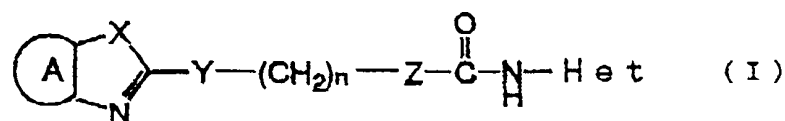Y represents $-NR_4-$, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

Z represents a single bond;

R_1, R_2, and R_3 are the same or different, and each represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a phosphate group, a sulfonamide group, a lower alkylthio group or an optionally substituted amino group, or two of R_1, R_2, and R_3, together form an alkylenedioxide group, provided that R_1, R_2 and R_3 are not hydrogen at the same time;
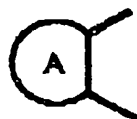
R_4 represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group; and

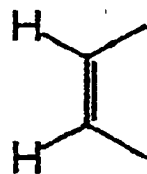n is an integer of from 2 to 15, or salts or solvates thereof.

12.   (Previously Amended)   A pharmaceutical composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and at least one compound selected from the compounds represented by the formula (I)

wherein

represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of benzene, cyclohexane or naphthalene, or a group:

Het represents a substituted pyridyl group;

X represents an oxygen atom;

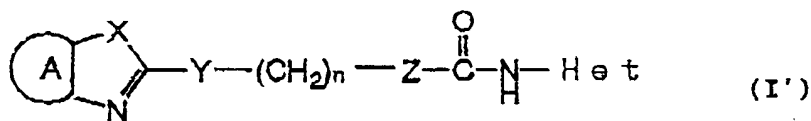Y represents -NR-, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

Z represents a single bond;

R_4 represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group; and

n is an integer of from 2 to 15, or salts or solvates thereof.

14.   (Presently Amended) The pharmaceutical composition according to claim 12 ~~or 13~~, which is a remedy or a medication for preventing hyperlipemia, arteriosclerosis, cerebrovascular accidents, ischemic heart disease, ischemic intestinal disease or aortic aneurysm.


15.   (Previously Amended)   A method for treating hyperlipemia, arteriosclerosis, cerebrovascular accidents, ischemic heart disease, ischemic intestinal disease or aortic aneurysm by administering to a patient in need of such treatment a compound of the formula (I')

wherein

represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of benzene, cyclohexane or naphthalene, or a group:
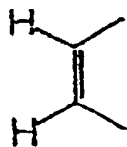
Het represents substituted or unsubstituted pyridyl group;

X represents an oxygen atom;

Y represents -NR$_4$-, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;
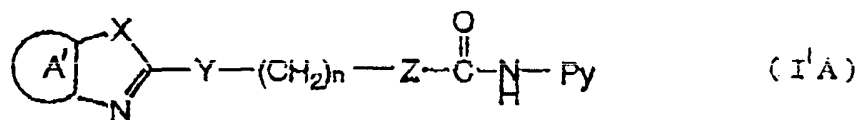
Z represents a single bond;

R4 represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally
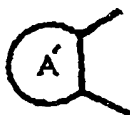
substituted silyl lower alkyl group; and

n is an integer of from 1 to 15;

or salts or solvates thereof.

16.   (Previously Amended)   The method of claim 15 wherein a compound of
formula (I'A) is administered

(I'A)

wherein

represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of benzene;

Py represents an optionally substituted pyridyl group;

X represents an oxygen atom;

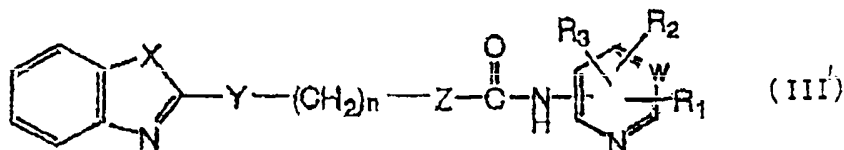Y represents -NR4-, an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;

Z represents a single bond;

R4 represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally

substituted silyl lower alkyl group;

n is an integer of from 1 to 15,

or salts or solvates thereof.

17.   (Previously Amended)   The method of claim 15 wherein a compound of
formula (III') is administered

(III')

wherein, W represents =CH-,

X represents an oxygen atom;

Y represents -NR_4- an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, a sulfoxide or a sulfone;
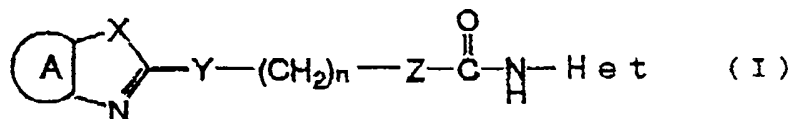
Z represents a single bond;

R_1, R_2, and R_3 are the same or different, and each represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, a lower alkoxy group, a halogen atom, a hydroxyl group, a phosphate group, a sulfonamide group, a lower alkylthio group or an optionally substituted amino group, or two of R_1, R_2, and R_3, together form an alkylenedioxide group;

R_4 represents a hydrogen atom, a lower alkyl group, an aryl group or an optionally substituted silyl lower alkyl group; and

n is an integer of from 1 to 15;

or salts or solvates thereof.

18.   (Previously Amended)   A method claim 15 wherein a compound represented by formula (I) is administered,

(I)

wherein

represents an optionally substituted divalent residue of benzene;

Het represents a substituted or unsubstituted pyridyl group;

X is an oxygen atom;

Y is a sulfur atom;

Z is a single bond;

n is 1;

or salts or solvates thereof.